

Children's Network



Children's Network Shines a Light on Child Abuse

HS Connection Staff

The County of San Bernardino Children's Network held their 15th Annual "Shine a Light on Child Abuse" awards March 28 at the National Orange Show. The awards acknowledged agencies, departments and community partners who have provided exceptional service and have made a commitment to the safety and well-being of youth at risk.

"They are unsung heroes who are doing work to which much of the general public says, 'I could never do that job,'" said Children's Network Officer, Amy Cousineau. "The Children's Network Annual Shine-a-Light on Child Abuse Awards Breakfast is a way to honor and thank them for their work with children and families."



Norm Dollar, who recently retired from Children and Family Services, was awarded the highest honor of Lifetime Advocate. The trophy resembled a tree because in Norm's office, he had an image of a tree on his wall, and, whenever he successfully helped a youth, he would add a leaf to the flourishing tree.

The following are those who were also recognized:

Ashley Furniture, Colton

Daniel Almaraz, CFS

Lea Michelle Cash, The Brightest Star, Inc.

Mary Gurrola, DBH

Teresa Denison, DPH

Dr. Carol Franklin, University of Redlands

Marlin and LaDonna Simpson, Foster Parents

Mary "MJ" Higgins, SB County Sheriff

Bobbie Mann, District Attorney's Office

Dr. Kiti Randall, Medical field

Highlanders Boxing Club, Organization

Rose Sarmiento, SB County Probation

Trudi Moe Roser, TAD

Michael Ashbaker and Francisco Padilla, The Humane Society of San Bernardino Valley

Charlene Betts, Volunteer

The event ended with the Mill Street Head Start children singing, "This Little Light of Mine," on stage with glow sticks waving side to side.

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